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1.(once amended) A process for the production of 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-syn-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid methanesulfonate sesquihydrate which comprises:

- forming a crystallization solution comprising 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid, methanesulfonic acid, and a solvent comprising at least one least one water miscible cosolvent and water, wherein the ratio of water miscible cosolvent : water is in the range of 2:1 to 1:2 v/v,
- reacting said carboxylic acid and methane sulfonic acid in the solvent, and
- isolating the resulting solid product which comprises 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-syn-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid methanesulfonate sesquihydrate.

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4.5.(once amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein the ratio of water miscible cosolvent : water is 2:1 v/v.

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5.6.(twice amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein the ratio of 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-syn-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid : solvent is 1:100 w/v or more.

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7.8.(twice amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein the crystallization solution is seeded with 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-syn-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid methanesulfonate sesquihydrate to aid crystallisation.

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10.11.(once amended) A process for the production of 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-syn-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid methanesulfonate sesquihydrate which comprises:

- forming a crystallization solution comprising 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid, methanesulfonic acid, and a solvent comprising at least one least one C₁₋₄ alcohol and water, wherein the ratio of C₁₋₄ alcohol : water is in the range of 2:1 to 1:2 v/v, the ratio of said carboxylic acid to said solvent is 1:100 w/v or more, and from 0.7 to 1.5 mole equivalents of the methanesulfonic acid is used,